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Jonathan Jacob Corpuz Goes Home

SALT LAKE CITY - Jonathan Jacob Corpuz went home with his dad Joel today.

The 3-year-old, who was abandoned at a Shopko in Salt Lake City last week, will live in Northern California with his dad. Mr. Corpuz was granted full custody of his son during a juvenile court hearing this morning. The Division of Child and Family Services will continue to provide the family with services for at least 90 days.

"All of my concern is to get my son home safe and to find Jeannette," Mr. Corpuz said. Jeannette is the boy's mother.

Jonathan spent the weekend with his dad and his uncle under DCFS supervision.

"I'm going home. I'm gonna see R.J.," he said yesterday, referring to his best friend and 5-yearold cousin. Jonathan's dad brought some of his son's favorite things to Utah including his Spiderman tennis shoes and bubble-gum flavored toothpaste.

Father and son were reunited Saturday at Jonathan's foster mom's home. Jonathan immediately reached for his dad and fell into his arms. Next he showed his dad around the house and hollered, "I saw you on TV."

"Please thank the media for putting out the information that helped identify my son," Mr. Corpuz said.

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